

Eugene Chapter

A m e r i c a n R h o d o d e n d r o n S o c i e t y

ARS Eugene Chapter November 12 Meeting

Conifers and More
presented by Mark Bloom



Thursday, November 12, 2015

6:30 p.m. - social time

7:00 p.m. Program and Meeting

Campbell Community Center

155 High Street

Eugene, OR

With his wife, Val, Mark owns and operates Bloom River Gardens, an on-line nursery (www.bloomriver.com) along the McKenzie River. Over the years, they have developed many specialties - rhododendrons, conifers, ferns, Japanese maples and other ornamental trees. Tonight Mark will talk mainly about specialty conifers including many dwarf varieties that are suitable for small gardens.

Over the past 25 years, Val and Mark have created a beautiful 2-acre garden that wraps around their log house, just a short distance from the nursery. Much of the garden meanders through the shade of the large firs behind the house but as the garden comes back to the front hillside, the sunny exposure is ideal for the conifer garden. As the plants have matured, the size, texture, color, and form of the individual trees have become more pronounced creating a beautiful display.

About 10 years ago, Mark was asked to furnish a large number of specialty conifers for a private estate garden along the lower Hudson River Valley in New York. This led to the finding and shipping of hundreds of conifers - firs, cedars, hemlocks, spruces, sequoias, and false cypresses - and a number of trips to the garden to help the owner place the trees, many of which were quite large. In addition, Mark furnished a number of ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennials to complete the garden. In his program, Mark will talk about this intriguing experience that he has had.

Join us for coffee, cookies, and conversation at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, at the Campbell Center in Eugene with the program at 7:00. If it is your lucky night, you might take home a door prize for your garden. The public is invited at no charge to join us for an interesting program

Pre-Meeting Dinner Join us for the pre-meeting dinner to visit with Mark and Val at Bai Khao Thai Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. at 541 W. Centennial Blvd in Springfield. This is at the east end of the Value Village Shopping Center with entrance off Prescott St. Please contact Helen by phone at 541-461-6082 or by e-mail at galen.baxter@comcast.net by Tuesday, November 10, so that she can let this small restaurant know how many to expect.



Cookie Team

- Thank you Linda Wylie and Grace Fowler-Gore for volunteering to bring munchies for the November 12 meeting.
- Kudos to Nancy Burns and Helen Baxter for the goodies that kept our tummies happy in October.

Why such a small newsletter ??

As some of you know, the health gremlins struck me once again in September and October and I have chosen to limit my activities with the chapter for several months while I work on regaining my health. I enjoy editing the newsletter and hope to be back to good health and full strength sometime within the next year as I believe this will be a slow process. Thank you for your kind thoughts and patience while I recuperate.

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EVENT CALENDAR

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CHAPTER EVENTS:

September 13, 2015	Potluck Picnic - <i>At the home and garden of Grace, Dena, and Ed Fowler-Gore</i>
October 8	Chapter Meeting - Workshop on Propagating by Cuttings & Cutting Party
November 12	Chapter Meeting - Mark Bloom on <i>Conifers and More</i>
December 10	Holiday Potluck Dinner 5:30 set-up; 6:00 Dinner; 7:15 members' slide show
January 14, 2016	Chapter Meeting - Marietta O'Byrne on <i>Companion Plants</i>
February 11	Chapter Meeting - Loren Russell on <i>Kalmiopsis</i>
March 10	Chapter Meeting - Bill Hicks on <i>Lepidote Rhododendrons</i>
	Annual Business Meeting with Elections
April 9	2016 Spring Rhododendron Show and Banquet, Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield Speaker: Bob Zimmerman
April 20-24	2016 ARS Convention, Williamsburg, VA - www.arsasaconvention2016.org
May 7	Chapter Plant Sale, Lane County Fairgrounds, 9:00 - 2:00
June ??	June Picnic, details TBA